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SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

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Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-04 at 1230 hours.

Owing to the current social protest landscape this Situation Report is organized into three main sections, each with specific information relevant to **Ottawa, Toronto, and Ontario.**

PREFACE: *The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.*

SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION (ALL)

OPP Open Source Specialists have identified a Google Drive folder that contains daily reports produced by someone supporting or participating in the Ottawa blockade. (CONFIRMED)

The folder contains reports that date back to 2022-01-27. Some are presented as reports of daily events and safety considerations; others as intelligence reports, and others as warnings of potential violence from police and other groups. They provide valuable insight into the mindset of the organizers and participants, and provide direction of expected behaviour by blockade participants in response to events and requirements on the ground. They contain information regarding advance planning and preparation, as well as ongoing day-to-day tactical and logistical planning.

The content of the reports is indicative of an intent for all participants to have a common understanding of goals and tactics, and to respond similarly to law enforcement, the media, and members of other groups that may have their own agendas, with a focus on members of ANTIFA. They also demonstrate the desire to control the messaging around the blockade. **Covert access or malicious**

These documents can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PBERG6tDfBGKgsqy2SLVr9iYi4wW8z-7>

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Additionally, the reports provide the following social media pages for obtaining updates and information:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] (on Twitter and GETTR)

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold. The OPP also has vehicles strategically placed outside of the downtown core to monitor and assist as required.

POLICE INFORMATION:

- [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]): OPS reported social media information regarding [REDACTED] being at the protest in Ottawa and possibly armed with a 12-gauge shotgun and threatening to shoot police if they get in his way. OPS further advised that [REDACTED] may reside at [REDACTED]
- OPS reports ongoing counter-demonstrations in the downtown core, most are unorganized. Applications for organized counter-protests are being denied.
- The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) reports approximately 500 trucks in the downtown core. Some of the drivers have demobilized their vehicles in various ways.
- OPS reports that [REDACTED] is speaking every day, was unhappy about [REDACTED]'s flag-burning.
- OPS reports that [REDACTED] may have departed to Quebec, possibly en route to Quebec City.
- OPS reporting indicates that on 2022-02-03, an individual purporting to represent Indigenous people laid in front of a vehicle in which [REDACTED] was travelling in an attempt to prevent [REDACTED] from burning the Canadian flag.
- The RCMP reports a convoy departing Calgary en route to Ottawa (see Event Schedule for 2022-02-06).

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OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

- Protestors have constructed a wooden structure (hut or shelter) at Confederation Park.
- A bus from Toronto to Ottawa (return) has been organized to bring people to the protest every Saturday.
- An unknown number of protestors may be arriving from Sudbury to join the protest.
- Truck drivers currently in the Ottawa blockade may depart to participate in a convoy to Queens Park in Toronto on 2022-02-05.

TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

BACKGROUND: Information circulated through social media channels has advertised several coordinated convoys departing a number of locations in Ontario destined for Queen's Park on 2022-02-05 in support of the Freedom Convoy 2022 underway in Ottawa.

The Toronto Police Service (TPS) is standing up its command centres today and is requesting numbers for any protests around the province that may travel to Toronto. Insp Stephenson provided the following communications strategy and information requirements in an email to partners this date:

Communication Strategy:

- Officers and analysts will be embedded in the Intelligence Operation Center (IOC) and will have access to the HENDON INBOX.
- Please email the HENDON INBOX any intelligence that relates to the Queens Park protest and use the word "TORONTO" in the subject line. This will alert the IOC of all intelligence meant for TPS to ensure it is reviewed.
- The HENDON INBOX will be monitored 24/7 by members of the IOC
- If the intelligence gathered is related to OFFICER or PUBLIC safety, please contact the [IOC directly at 416-808-3590 or 416-808-3540](#)

Information Requirements:

- Do you have a local protests and/or convoys planned – that intend to travel to Toronto ?
- If yes, what intelligence is known about the event?
- Will this event be monitored by your service ? Do you have officers attending?

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- Will your service be providing information/intelligence to the IOC using the communication strategy outlined above – in real time?

NOTE: If the number of persons/vehicles/trucks and the time of arrival in Toronto is known, this will assist in our planning and response.

TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

BACKGROUND: Information circulated through social media channels has advertised several coordinated convoys departing a number of locations in Ontario destined for Queen's Park on 2022-02-05 in support of the Freedom Convoy 2022 underway in Ottawa.

The following provides details regarding the Toronto Convoy for Freedom, scheduled for 2022-02-05:

"Convoy for Freedom Toronto" - Queen's Park, start time 1200 hours. All meet points (unless noted) are to muster at 1000 hours, depart at 1100 hours.

- **Orangeville** – 95 First Street;
- **Vaughan Mills**;
- **Scarborough Town Centre**;
- **Yorkdale Mall**;
- **Sherway Gardens**;
- **Square One**;
- **Oakville** – Tim Hortons, Hyde Park Gate, HWY 403 and Dundas;
- **Niagara Falls** – 300 Taylor Rd. (meeting early at 0900 hours)
- **Oshawa: Oshawa to Toronto Freedom Convoy 2022** – 555 Simcoe Street (1100 hours)

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Unconfirmed information suggests that groups from Barrie, Muskoka, Bradford, Oakville and Oshawa may travel to Toronto to join the protest. Police Services of Jurisdiction have advised they will monitor and report numbers.

Halton Regional Police report that a Freedom Convoy is planned from Oakville to Queens Park and they will advise of numbers.

Truck drivers in the Ottawa blockade are expected to participate in the convoy to Queens Park in Toronto on 2022-02-05. All truck drivers in the GTA have been invited to participate. They have been requested not to bring their trailers. The event is being promoted online as "kid friendly and peaceful".

Open source information indicates that a counter-protest ("STOP THE TRUCKER CONVOY FROM BLOCKING TKARONTO HOSPITALS") is planned for 2022-02-05 starting at University Avenue and Gerrard Street at 1130 hours (also in **Event Schedule**). The event is being promoted online by an associate of [REDACTED] and its stated aim is to prevent the truck drivers from blocking Hospital Row. Online promotion of the event uses extremist rhetoric and focuses on extremist emblems in images of the Freedom Convoy protest in Ottawa on 2021-01-29/30.

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Ontario: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Police services around the province are reporting local protests and demonstrations.

Ontario: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- A social media message is calling for Canada-wide rail blockades on 2022-02-05.
- Commercial truck drivers and supporters may conduct slow rolls on roadways near the Ambassador Bridge over the next three days, and may attempt to block the bridge on 2022-02-07.

ASSESSMENT

The protest landscape related to public health restrictions and vaccine mandates is fluid and dynamic, with solidarity demonstrations or convoys developing in many jurisdictions.

There is a potential for conflict amongst individuals and groups with differing agendas at these protests, which could pose both a public safety and officer safety threat.

Project HENDON has not identified any concrete, specific, or credible threat with regard to the Freedom Convoy protest, Operation BearHug 2.0., or local solidarity protests. However, a lone actor or group of individuals could enact a threat with little or no warning.

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Police reporting indicates that counter-protestors may be planning to throw frozen bottles of water at truck convoys.

Other tactical considerations that may be derived from events in Ottawa could include protestors disabling their vehicles; constructing shelters; building fires; or ramming police vehicles or other barricades.

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ANTICIPATED EVENT SCHEDULE – Support Convoys or Demonstrations

This list is derived from information provided by the OPP and its partners. Many of these events have been identified through social media.

The overall situation is fluid: these events may change and spontaneous events may occur without warning.

At this time we have little reporting on expected numbers, intentions, or mood of possible attendees that would assist in prioritizing requests for OPP personnel.

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- **Toronto:** Convoy Protest – Tractor Meet, Queens Park (1300 hours)
- **Ottawa:** Support Convoy to Ottawa (0900 hours) – departure location unclear, **possibly Toronto**
- **Sudbury:** Freedom Convoy – departing from Bell Park Parking lot at 1700 hours; donations to be brought by 1600 hours. Travel the TransCanada Highway to Ottawa; GSPS advises not a lot of interest
- **Niagara Falls:** Convoy to Ottawa Niagara Region Support - Departing Niagara Falls (0700 hours). This event has been removed from Facebook – unknown why.
- **Wellington County:** Tractor Convoy to Queens Park – reported to be a very small group; being respectful to other motorists
- **Kitchener:** Freedom Rally – City Hall (1400 hours)
- **Iroquois Falls:** Convoy around Iroquois Falls (1400 hours)
- **Hanover-Walkerton County:** Freedom Convoy – nightly convoy (1800 hours)
- **Windsor:** Slow Roll – approximately 20-25 commercial trucks and 50 passenger vehicles (morning)
- **Oakville:** protest at Halton Regional Police HQ for anti-mask protestor being fingerprinted
- **Unnamed Maritime Ports – Mariners for Freedom 2022 Slow Roll** (1200-1300 hours)

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QUEEN'S PARK PROTEST

- **Toronto: Convoy Protest (Ending at Queens Park)** – meeting points at 1000 hours as follows:
 - Orangeville – 95 First Street;
 - Vaughan Mills;
 - Scarborough Town Centre;
 - Yorkdale Mall;
 - Sherway Gardens;

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- Square One;
- Oakville – Tim Hortons, Hyde Park Gate, HWY 403 and Dundas;
- Niagara Falls – 300 Taylor Rd. (meeting early at 0900 hours)

VEHICLES FROM BARRIE AND BRADFORD MAY JOIN THE CONVOY AT VAUGHAN MILLS

- **Ottawa: Freedom Dance Party** – Parliament Hill (1200 -1500 hours)(Destination Queens Park)
- **Ottawa (Parliament Hill): Second Wave 2022** - Human Chain Around Parliament Hill (1400 hours)
- **Ottawa: Counter-Protest – 474 Elgin Street (1200 hours) to City Hall (1400 hours -1700 hours)**
- **Prescott Russell: Support aux Truckers sur la Colline du Parlement** – Departing Embrun (1000 hours) en route to Ottawa
- **Alexandria: Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0** – Alexandria (0600 hours) to Monkland; Lemieux; Bourget; Cheney; Ottawa
- **Kingston/Ottawa: Back to Ottawa Convoy** – HWY 38 Carpool (HWY 401 and Gardiners Rd.) (0830 hours); stopping at Mallorytown (0915 hours)
- **Sudbury: Slow Roll (local)** – possibly 100 cars
- **Oshawa: Oshawa to Toronto Freedom Convoy 2022** – 555 Simcoe Street (1100 hours) destination Toronto
- **Oshawa: Rise Up Durham** will be meeting at 555 Simcoe St S at 1000 hours and travelling to the protest in Toronto – no indication of numbers yet. Rise Up Durham is encouraging its members not to block hospitals – potential for conflict with STOP THE TRUCKER CONVOY protestors (below)
- **Toronto: Stop the Trucker Convoy From Blocking Tkaronto Hospitals – University and Gerrard (1130 hours)**
- **Windsor: Freedom Convoy Peaceful Slowdown on Huron Line** – Mic Mac Park (1000 hours)
- **Waterloo: True North Strong and Free** – Town Square – convoy or on foot (1200 hours)
- **Oakville: Freedom Convoy to Queens Park**
- **Burlington: car crawl through downtown to City Hall from the Burlington Mall, 777 Guelph Line**
- **London: Freedom Convoy Support** – meet at McDonald's parking lot across Costco on Wellington
- **Cambridge: Occupy Hespeler Rd** – office of MP Brian MAY, 534 Hespeler Rd. (1100 hours)
- **Guelph: no formal convoy; 10-12 people possibly going to Ottawa**
- **Niagara: 30 people indicating an interest in attending a gathering at outlet mall; possible slow roll to Grimsby at 1300 hours**
- **Welland: Freedom Protest at City Hall, 25 people indicating interest**
- **Barrie: local slow roll possibly involving 900-1000 people or vehicles**
- **Norfolk County: Tractor Convoy (four routes) – Destination Simcoe**
 - Route A:
 - **Dunnville** (1000 hours) through Selkirk, Fisherville, Nelles Corners to Cayuga (1130 hours)

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- Route B:
 - **Cayuga** (1200 hours) through Jarvis to Simcoe (1300 hours)
- Route C:
 - **Langton** (1000 hours) to Port Rowan ending in Simcoe (1200 hours)
- Route D:
 - **Tillsonburg** (1000 hours) through Delhi and Waterford to Simcoe (1200 hours)
- **Goderich-Huron County: Slow Roll Supporting Our Ottawa Convoy** – MacEwan St. (1200 hours)
- **Alexandria: Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0 (East Route)** – Depart Alexandria (0600 hours), to Monkland, Lemieux, Bourget, Cheney to Ottawa (Parliament Hill)
- **Franktown: Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0 (West Route)** – Depart Franktown 0815 hours through Smiths Falls to Ottawa (Parliament Hill)
- **Oshawa: Oshawa to Toronto Freedom Convoy 2022** – 555 Simcoe Street (1100 hours) destination Toronto
- **Cornwall: Cornwall Convoy 2022** – destination not noted (1000 hours)
- **Cochrane:** Convoy through Cochrane (1100 hours)
- **Minden: Slow Roll Convoy** - Minden; Haliburton; Carnarvon-Minden starts 1100 hours
- **Hamilton: Convoy** – (no further detail – some participants possibly travelling to Ottawa and Queens Park)
- **North Bay: Convoy Support Group** – local convoy (1430 hours)
- **Sudbury: Convoy to Ottawa** – details to be confirmed
- **Timmins:** Timmins Convoy – unconfirmed information about convoy from Timmins joining Sudbury

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- **Calgary-Ottawa: Freedom's Second Wave** – Departing 1000 hours, 11511 40 St SE, Calgary; travel through Regina; Winnipeg; Thunder Bay; Sault Ste. Marie; Ottawa
- **Waterloo: True North Strong and Free** – Town Square – convoy or on foot (1200 hours)
- **Huntsville:** Anti-PHO Protest - Huntsville Place Mall to Doe Lake return (1100 hours)
- **Hearst: Hearst Convoy Support Rally** – (1300 hours – no further detail)
- **Bracebridge:** Anti-PHO protest – Memorial Park, joined by Huntsville Convoy (1400 hours)
- **Echo Bay: Horse Convoy** – horses and riders local route in support of the Freedom Convoy (1400 hours)
- **Hanover-Walkerton: Freedom Convoy** driving circular local loop (1800 hours)
- **Bolton:** United We Stand – local demonstration (1300 hours)

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- **Hanover-Walkerton: Freedom Convoy** driving circular local loop (1800 hours)

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